

REMARKS

Claims 3, 12, and 21 have been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been introduced with these amendments, all of which are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 1 - 27 remain in the application.

I. Objections to the Claims

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action dated October 18, 2005 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") state that Claims 3, 12, and 21 are objected to because of informalities. In particular, the term "affixed to each or one of more" contains a typographical error. Appropriate correction has been made herein, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw these objections.

II. Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action states that Claims 3 - 4, 12 - 13, 21 - 22, and 26 - 27 are provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, in view of various claims of co-pending Application Serial Number 10/666,700. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Paragraph 6 of the Office Action states that Claims 5 - 9, 14 - 18, and 23 - 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

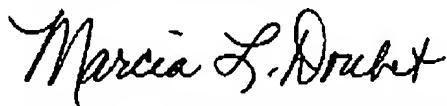
Paragraph 7 of the Office Action states that Claims 1 - 2, 10 - 11, and 19 - 20 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the amendments made herein and the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, Claims 5 - 9, 14 - 18, and 23 - 25 are allowable as currently presented.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejected claims, withdrawal of all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and passage of the application to issuance at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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